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1. REFTEL A PRESENTS A NUMBER OF OPTIONS RE RETAINING U.S.
PRESENCE IN GENEVA OPI ON ASSUMPTION THAT MICHAEL CLARK'S
ASSIGNMENT TO TOKYO INFO CENTER VIRTUALLY ASSURED. FROM
ALL DEPT CAN GLEAN ON THIS SUBJECT, ASSUMPTION APPEARS
ACCURATE BUT SINCE SO MUCH HINES ON THIS MOVE, BELIEVE IT
ESSENTIAL THAT USUN OBTAIN LATEST READING ON STATUS OF
TRANSFER DIRECTLY FROM ASG AKATANI.

2) ON ASSUMPTION THAT TRANSFER WILL GO THROUGH, IT
IMPORTANT WE DECIDE, DRAWING ON OPTIONS PRESENTED IN
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REFTEL A, HOW BEST TO PROTECT OUR INTERESTS. CAST OF

CHARACTERS IS LARGE AND GIVEN THE INTER-RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SOME OF THE POSSIBLE SHIFTS, E.G., COOK TO PROTOCOL POST, CONCEIVABLY COULD IMPINGE ON BROADER USG INTERESTS. THUS, IT IS DIFFICULT AT THIS STAGE TO MAP OUT FIRM STRATEGY. HOWEVER, BELIEVE TIME IS OPPORTUNE FOR UNNY, AND AKATANI IN PARTICULAR, TO BE PUT ON NOTICE THAT U.S. WILL WISH TO RETAIN A SENIOR GENEVA OPI POST UPON CLARK'S DEPARTURE. IF THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY THE ASSIGNMENT OF AN AMERICAN ALREADY IN SYSTEM, E.G., GAULKIN OR RESS, WELL AND GOOD. IF NOT, WE PREPARED TO SUGGEST CANDIDATES FROM OUTSIDE SYSTEM. IN ANY EVENT, POINT SHOULD BE CLEARLY MADE THAT U.S. INSISTS ON SUITABLE SENIOR REPRESENTATION IN GENEVA OPI.

3) DEPT. TENDS TO AGREE WITH MISSION GENEVA THAT THERE LITTLE TO BE GAINED BY TRYING TO BLOCK COOK'S ELEVATION TO CHIEF OF PRESS SERVICE, (I) SHOULD HE REMAIN IN SERVICE, AND (II) SHOULD IT BE AKATANI'S AS WELL AS BOURBONNIERE'S DESIRE ELEVATE HIM. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE WOULD NOT INSIST ON REPLACING CLARK WITH ANOTHER AMERICAN. HOWEVER, SHOULD COOK DEPART OR SHOULD HE NOT HAVE AKATANI'S STRONG SUPPORT, WE SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO REPLACE CLARK IN POST OF CHIEF, PRESS SERVICE, WITH ANOTHER AMERICAN.

4) DEPT. LOOKS FORWARD TO RECEIVING REPORT OF USUN'S APPROACH TO AKATANI.

5) FOR GENEVA: FYI - RE REFTEL B, MARY TALBOT (AKA MARITY) BRADLEY GRANTED FINAL FAVORABLE E.O. 10422 DETERMINATION. KISSINGER

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